



# Henry County, Virginia

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## Henry County Monthly Newsletter

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#### Henry County expands recycling program

Henry County is expanding its newest recycling effort to two additional sites.

Effective Tuesday, the Convenience Center locations in the Iriswood District (Axton Road) and Horsepasture District (Red Oak Road) will join the Jack Dalton Road location in accepting used motor oil, antifreeze, and vehicle batteries.

As with all Convenience Centers, this option will be available to residents of Henry County only. Henry County will not accept oil, antifreeze, or batteries from businesses or from non-residents.

Citizens are asked to follow these important rules in bringing oil, antifreeze, and vehicle batteries to these sites:

- All motor oil and antifreeze will be recycled - it is extremely important that nothing is mixed in with these fluids.
- All batteries will be recycled - it is extremely important that there is no damage to the battery or its casing.
- County staff will have on hand 55-gallon drums for the oil and antifreeze, and staff will assist the citizen, whenever possible, to pour their fluids into the appropriate drums. Citizens are asked to bring their used oil and antifreeze in a three-gallon container or smaller.
- County staff also will assist citizens, whenever possible, to dispose of their batteries.
- As usual, all Convenience Center sites will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. However, to help ensure that staff will be able to provide adequate assistance at the site, citizens are asked to bring their oil, antifreeze, and batteries between the hours of 7 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Any questions or concerns regarding this pilot program should be directed to Michael S. Amos, Refuse Department Manager, at (276) 634-2503.

#### Census 2010 forms arriving soon

Forms for the 2010 Census will arrive soon in your mailbox. Some may wonder why it's so important to fill out this form, or why the government needs or wants personal information about you and your family. The following five items regarding the Census process may help you become more comfortable with the process and its importance.

##### **Why is it important that I fill out and return the Census 2010 form?**

Every year the federal government can allocate more than \$400 billion to states and localities based in part on the Census count. Martinsville and Henry County need every dollar we can get. This includes money for schools, roads, law enforcement and public safety.

In addition, many retail and commercial businesses based their decisions in part on how many people live within an area. The more people we have, the more likelihood of new restaurants, hotels, and stores coming to our area.

##### **I don't want anyone to know my personal information.**

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. Anyone violating this law

faces up to 5 years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine. The data will be compiled and reported to the President of the United States by December 31, 2010 - but that information will include no personal information on anyone; it will include aggregate data only.

**I don't have time to fill out a long and complicated form.**

You don't have to. This year's Census form consists of 10 questions which should take an average of 10 minutes to complete.

**I don't want anyone coming to my door and bothering me.**

The only way a Census worker will come to your home is if you DON'T fill out the form. The best way to make sure no one visits you is to fill out and return the form when you receive it. If a Census 2010 worker has to come to your home, he or she will carry proper identification. If you don't see any Census 2010 identification, don't let the person in your home.

**When will I get my form?**

Forms should hit local mailboxes sometime before April 1, 2010. Please take the time to fill it out and return it - the Martinsville-Henry County community needs your help.

If you would like more information on the process, members of the Martinsville-Henry County Complete Count Committee are available for civic groups, church groups, and media outlets to discuss the importance of participating.

Henry County representatives on the committee are Tim Hall, Melany Stowe, Paula Burnette, Max Hall, and Brian Hairston. City of Martinsville representatives are Stanley Grant, Ethel Johnson, Gloria Hylton, and Lardenia Campbell. Please contact Tim Hall at 634-4605 if you are interested in having a committee member speak to your group.

**Gateway presents Curb Appeal awards**

Gateway Streetscape honored area homeowners and businesses throughout Henry County and Martinsville with the 2009 Curb Appeal award. The program recognizes properties that exemplify outstanding landscaping and environmental stewardship. The landscaping award is based on detailed landscaping of trees, shrubs and flowers, while the environmental award is based on the restoration of a property to its original condition.

This year's Curb Appeal individual winners were Charles Ross, William Moore, and Cindy Edgerton. Retail winners were Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers in Ridgeway and Martha's Baskets, Gifts & More in the City of Martinsville. Other winners were the Beaver Creek Plantation in Henry County, Family Preservation Services in the City of Martinsville, and the "Cat House" in Uptown Martinsville.

Gateway Streetscape honored two individuals with Volunteer of the Year awards for their contributions in 2009. The two awards were presented to Neil Tatum, who serves on the Gateway Board, and Skyline Tree Services for their integral part of the Smith River clean-ups and Arbor Day celebration.

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